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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, RP

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD PANAMANIAN SHIP

REF: MANILA 6411

FOR SULLIVAN FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. WE DETERMINED ON MAY 12 TO ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST OF THE AGENTS OF THE SS EURYBATES TO TAKE THE 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PICKED UP AT SEA AND PLACE THEM INTO THE GUAM FLOW. WE DID THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE EURYBATES IS A FOREIGN FLAG VESSEL BECAUSE THE VESSEL WAS ON A USAID VOYAGE CHARTER AND WOULD NOT HAVE PICKED UP THE REFUGEES HAD THE VESSEL NOT BEEN PROCEEDING TO MANILA TO DISCHARGE ITS CARGO OF EUREA FERTILIZER THERE RATHER THAN IN SVN.

2. I ASKED ANTIPPAS OF THE TASK FORCE TO PASS THIS DECISION ON TO CONSUL GENERAL BETTS BY THE MOST RAPID MEANS BECAUSE THE VESSEL WAS DUE TO DEPART MANILA AND WAS NOT PROCEEDING  
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TO A PORT WHERE THE REFUGEES COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE PUT

ASHORE OR ABSORBED. ANTIPPAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO BETTS THAT THE REFUGEES BE TRANSFERRED AT SUBIC IF DISCHARGE AT MANILA WOULD COMPROMISE THIS PARTICULAR CASE. THEREFORE, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR DECISION WAS CAPRICIOUS OR NECESSARILY A REVERSAL OF POSITION BUT WAS RATHER A REFLECTION OF OUR

EFFORTS TO REVIEW SYMPATHETICALLY EVERY CASE BROUGHT BEFORE US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE REFUGEES WERE PUT BACK ABOARD THE EURYBATES.

3. IF IT IS YOUR VIEW THAT THE AFFAIR HAS BEEN IRRETRIEVABLY BOTCHED THEN WE CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO LET THE MATTER DROP. INGERSOLL

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